MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No complaint has been received.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Have not the Government received any petition regarding the difference in the rates prevailing at Trivandrum and Alleppey Ports?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No petition has been received.

Director of Ayurveda.

385. * **MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the period during which there has been no Director of Ayurveda ; and

(*b*) the persons or officers who are performing at present the functions of the Director, with their qualifications, both technical and general, and the period of service put in by each of them ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) From 27-2-1104 till now.

(*b*) (i) Mr. N. Nilakanta Pillai, Inspector of Ayurveda.

General qualification : Nil.

Technical qualification : Has passed the Government Ayurveda Examination of 1076 and the Higher Medical Test of 1087 as first in the State.

Service : Nearly 28½ years.

(ii) Mr. K. G. Gopala Pillai, Principal, Ayurveda College, Trivandrum.

General qualification : Nil.

Technical qualification : Has passed the Lower Medical Certificate Examination of the Government Ayurveda Patasala ; has undergone a course of higher studies in Ayurveda in the Viswanath Niketana Patasala, Calcutta ; has completed the L. M. & S. course in the National Medical College, Calcutta ; and has passed the M. B C. M. Examination in Homoeopathy from the Allen's Homoeopathic College, Calcutta.

Service : Commenced service as an Honorary Teacher in the Ayurveda College on 21-10-1098 and was appointed as Principal on 7-9-1101.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know why Government have thought it fit not to appoint a permanent Ayurveda Director for the last 8 years?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have not been able to find a suitable person.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know from Government whether any action has been taken to appoint a permanent Director of Ayurveda?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is under consideration; and when Government find a proper person, action, of course, will be taken.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): My question is whether any action is being taken for the appointment of a permanent Director?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have answered that the matter is under consideration.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from Government whether anybody has been deputed to Germany at Government cost to qualify himself for the preparation of Ayurvedic medicines?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have not deputed anybody. They have given a grant to a gentleman who is undergoing a special course of training in Germany, on condition that, when he comes back, he should serve Government for a period of 10 years.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the terms of the grant?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got the file with me now. I have said that one of the conditions is that he must serve the Travancore Government for a period of ten years after his training.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know in what capacity he must serve?

RAO BAHADUR DR.N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It has not been decided.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether any Travancorean has applied to be appointed as a permanent Director?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no application with me now. Travancoreans may have applied.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from Government the names of the Travancorean applicants and their qualifications?

RAO BAHADUR DR.N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from Government the appointment given to Mr. N. Nilakanta Pillai, the present Ayurveda Inspector, immediately after passing the two examinations referred to in the answer?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice. I have not got the records with me now.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether they are aware that some of the Ayurveda *Vaidyans* have got higher qualifications than the Ayurveda Inspector?

RAO BAHADUR DR.N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not examined the qualifications of all the *Vaidyans*.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether one Mr. Sankara Pillai, who is duly qualified, has applied for the post of the Director?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question whether he is duly qualified is a matter of opinion. I know that Mr. Sankara Pillai did apply for the post of the Inspector, when the permanent Inspector applied for leave. His application was for the post of the Inspector and not of the Director.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Inspector is now in the department or on leave?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He is on leave.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Mr. Sankara Pillai's application was considered?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, It was considered.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether he was appointed?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the reason?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government did not think it necessary to appoint him. Government made some other arrangement.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know the qualifications of the gentleman to whom the grant has been given?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Does that question arise, Sir?

PRESIDENT. What has that to do with this?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): In answer to a supplementary question, a statement was made by the Chief Secretary that a grant ha been given to a particular gentleman to undergo training. I want to elicit further information as to his qualifications, both general and technical.

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have to claim notice. I have not got the list of his qualifications with me at present.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know who controls the institutions under Ayurveda Department in Trivandrum?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The College, the Pharmacy and the Hospital are controlled by the Principal of the Ayurveda College.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether these institutions were originally controlled by the Director?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Goernment*): Yes, when there was a Director.

MR. K PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether this dual control is working satisfactorily?

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RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is a matter of opinion.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know the name of the gentleman who is given the grant for studying in Germany ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think it is Mr. Dwarakanatha Aiyangar.

Land route between Kottayam and Alleppey across the Vembanad Lake.

386. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any undertaking was given by any party in respect of the construction of a land route between Kottayam and Alleppey across the Vembanad Lake ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken thereon ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether there is a proposal to construct a land route between Kottayam and Alleppey ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether one Mr. P. T. Joseph has submitted an undertaking for the construction of the land route ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings and Irrigation*) : Mr. P. T. Joseph applied for registry of Q and S blocks and said that if it was granted, he would relinquish his rights over the mud-walls built by him, for the construction of the Alleppey-Kottayam road.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether his undertaking was accepted ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : It has not been accepted.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether that proposal has been favourably recommended by the Executive Engineer, Kottayam ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I cannot tell whether it has been recommended by the Division Officer, Kottayam. It is for the Government to decide which is the better line.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Irrigation Engineer has reported in favour of the proposal ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The Irrigation Engineer has nothing to do with the line.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Revenue Commissioner has——

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